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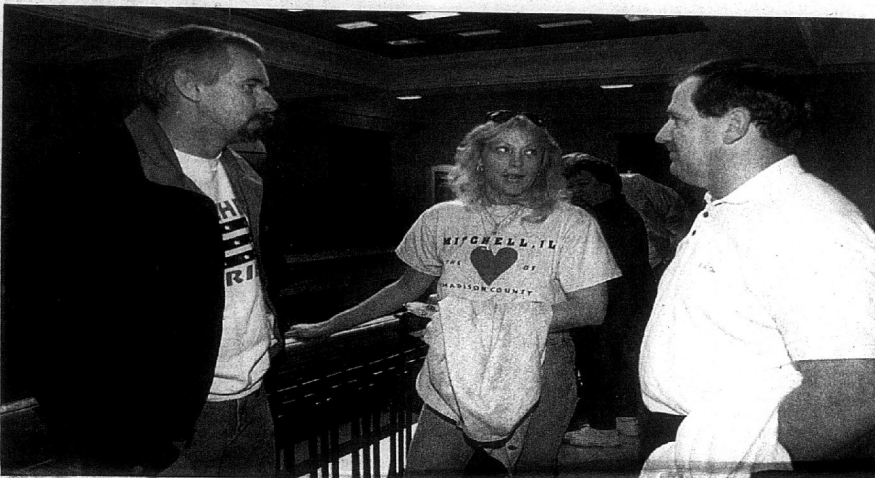
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Mitchell makes its incorporation case



From left, Mitchell residents Wayne Worthen, Shelly Halbrook and Eddie Lee, the Mitchell fire chief and an incorporation leader, mingle outside the courtroom Thursday at the Madison County Courthouse before a hearing on the proposed Mitchell Incorporation. The hearing was continued to Jan. 25 by Associate Judge Randall Bono.

Six-hour court hearing continued to January

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Five lawyers laid bare the latest tactical moves in the Mitchell incorporation war Thursday night as attorneys presented highly technical arguments that may well decide the future of the proposed village.

MITCHELL

Approximately 30 incorporation supporters listened for more than six hours as one lawyer for Mitchell and four against Bono that their arguments were true. While some expected a resolution Thursday, the minutely-detailed arguments caused Bono to recess and continue the hearing on Jan. 25.

Bono heard preliminary arguments and motions to dismiss the Mitchell petition to incorporate a 7.28-square-mile map the Madison County Board approved in July. Later, he heard evidence from both sides centering on the actual numbers of people living in the areas in question.

The objectors argued that Mitchell incorporators lack the required 7,500 people because of recent Granite City and Edwardsville annexations. Supporters argue that Mitchell has well over the required level because the annexations are either not valid, or have not yet taken effect.

James Sinclair presented for the petitioners. For the objectors, Keith Jensen represented the cities of Granite City and Pontoon Beach; David Gerber represented Edwardsville and the Muellers, a couple seeking annexation into Edwardsville; Dennis Stankard represented the Union Electric Development Corporation and the Jennings, two families annexed into Granite City; and Kathy Smith, represented Gateway Commerce Center.

"There is no history for what we're doing (here) to cross every 'T' and dot every 'I,'" Bono said towards the end of the

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USWA schedules steel crisis meeting Tuesday

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The crisis in the American steel industry caused by dumping by foreign companies is expected to be a major issue at an area-wide membership meeting of the United Steelworkers of America Tuesday in Collinsville. Granite City native George Becker, president of the 750,000-member union, will be one of the speakers at the meeting, set for 4 p.m. at the Collinsville Holiday Inn. Becker and Jack Parion, director of USWA District 7, which represents approximately 80,000 steel workers in Illinois and Indiana, will hold a press conference prior to the meeting to discuss several issues, including foreign steel

dumping, public policy matters affecting working families and Social Security reform.

The major issue facing steel workers is foreign dumping. Because of economic problems throughout the world foreign steel is being brought to American ports without a set buyer and is sold for up to \$100 a ton less than an equal amount produced domestically.

That has caused major slowdowns for domestic steel producers. At the National Steel Corp., Granite City Division, plant, the company has laid off 50 employees, and its parent company, National Steel Corp., shut down one of its blast furnaces at the Great Lakes Division.

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Brooklyn police officer convicted in shooting

Trial second embarrassing incident for department in week

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A Brooklyn police officer was found guilty of violating the civil rights of a man by firing his weapon into the man's car.

BROOKLYN

Adolph Bradley, 72, of Lebanon, a part-time officer with the department, was found guilty of one count of deprivation of rights under color of law by a jury in

U.S. District Court in East St. Louis Thursday.

Sentencing is set for March 19. Bradley faces a maximum of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

The indictment stems from an incident on June 30 when Bradley, while on patrol, "used unreasonable force against an individual by firing his .357 Magnum revolver at the individual."

According to prosecutors, Bradley fired his weapon at a motorist during a traffic stop. The bullet entered the

vehicle, traveled through the rear passenger seat and went into the steel support of the driver's seat, stopping just short of striking the driver.

Evidence presented during the trial also showed that the officer had fired his revolver earlier that day at an 18-year-old unarmed male who was an auto theft suspect.

Last Thursday, Everette O. Baker, 58, of St. Louis was found guilty of 15 counts of money laundering, one

count of conspiracy to commit money laundering and five counts of engaging in monetary transactions in excess of \$10,000 involving proceeds of unlawful activity in connection with prostitution at the Fantasyland Massage Parlor, the Fantasyland Night Club and other businesses in the complex, located in Brooklyn. Brooklyn's mayor and police chief testified they didn't know prostitution occurred at the businesses.

Venice students help SEMC

Clubs raise funds for Koch Center

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Members of the Junior Beta Club and the Student Council at Venice Grade School have spent the school year raising money, and on Wednesday, they did something with it.

VENICE

The groups donated more than \$1,000 to the WINGS campaign of St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. The money will go toward the hospital's Koch Family Health Center. The Koch Center provides medical services to children and families who cannot afford private medical care. In addition, the center provides pre-natal, birthing and

post-partum care to expectant mothers through its Certified Nurse-midwife program.

"I think it's great, the fact that they unanimously decided to give the money to St. Elizabeth's was really a great pleasure for me," said Sis. Mary Thomas, chairman of the board of SEMC.

She said the "best part" was that in the past, many of the people using the center were usually treated in the hospital's emergency room and now they are under a doctor's care.

By avoiding emergency room visits, the patients can receive better care at less cost to the hospital.

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From left, Don Adams, WINGS campaign co-chair; Venice Grade School Beta Club President Venesha Turner; VGS Principal Rachelle Artis; Beta Club sponsor Lena Rush; and Sis. Mary Thomas, board chairman at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, celebrate the donation of \$1,000.

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Community Calendar

Christmas

THE WEST GRANITE NEIGHBORHOOD Christmas Skating Party for 4-12 year olds is scheduled for 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 23 at Tri-City Skateway, 1622 Cleveland Blvd. No admission charge. Door prizes will be offered and Santa Claus will be present. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The children of **PONTON BAPTIST CHURCH** will present the musical "Cool Carols For Kids" at 5 p.m. Dec. 20. The program will feature the children playing rhythm instruments, as well as some solos by the children. Following the program, at 5:30 p.m., there will be a family potluck dinner for all members and guests. The public is invited to attend this free program and enjoy the results of the children's hard work.

Santa Claus is holding "office hours" for **SANTA'S LUDAY AVENUE** at the Santa Cabin at Delmar and Niedringhaus now until Christmas.

Hours Santa will be at the Cabin are 5 to 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, noon to 8 p.m. Saturdays and 1 to 8 p.m. Sundays.

The public is invited to attend Christmas services at **ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 2001 St. Clair Ave. Services will include the Sunday School Children's Christmas

Program at the morning worship service today, Sunday. Tonight at 7 p.m. the church will hold its 37th annual Christmas Candlelight Choral Concert. The evening will feature traditional Christmas carols sung by the congregation, as well as soloists. Following the concert, refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Christmas Eve Candlelight Services will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 24, with worship service at 10:30 a.m. on Christmas Day.

SUBURBAN BAPTIST CHURCH will celebrate Christmas Eve with a candlelight service at 6 p.m. Dec. 24. Celebrate Christ's birth in the new Worship Center at the church, 2500 St. Clair in Granite City. Scripture readings, choral music and candlelighting. For more information, call 676-7404.

PONTON BAPTIST CHURCH is planning a candlelight Christmas Eve service starting at 5 p.m. Dec. 24. The public is invited to attend. The church is located at the corner of Ponton Road and Illinois 111.

Concerts/musicals

The **SUMMERGATE PLAYHOUSE** is announcing auditions for "Nunsense-Amen!" the all-male version of Dan Goggin's hit musical about the Little Sisters of Hoboken.

Auditions will take place at 7 p.m. Dec. 28, at the playhouse, 2908 Pershing Ave. in Granite City. Prospective cast members should prepare one musical-comedy song, read from the script, and learn a short dance routine. Call Marc at 451-7612 for more information.

Community

The **ILLINOIS TREKKERS VOLKSWAGEN CLUB** hosts its annual New Year's Eve Walk Dec. 31 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. The starting point for the guided, night walk, a 10-kilometer trail, will be in the Bonaventure's cafeteria in SEMC.

Walkers may register beginning at 6:30 p.m. with the walk beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone should be finished and back at SEMC by 10 p.m. The walk will be through the streets of Granite City on sidewalks and paved streets. Wheel chairs and strollers can managed the walk with minimum difficulty.

The event is open to the public and all ages are welcome, with family participation encouraged. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. No pets allowed inside SEMC. Restrooms are available at the start/finish point and parking is available in the 21st Street parking garage across from SEMC. For more information, call 397-3815.

Milestones

Laura Marshall celebrates a birthday today, Dec. 20.

Yoshiko Thomas celebrates a birthday today, Dec. 20.

Betty Eichelberger celebrates a birthday today, Dec. 20.

Olivia Mangiaracino celebrates a birthday today, Dec. 20.

Tim and Amy Robbins celebrate their wedding anniversary Dec. 21.

Jennifer Smiddy celebrates a birthday Dec. 21.

Debbie Marshall celebrates a birthday Dec. 21.

John Sannes celebrates a birthday Dec. 21.

Melissa McIntosh celebrates a birthday Dec. 21.

Alberta and Doris Downs celebrate their wedding anniversary Dec. 22.

Doyle Pinnon celebrates a birthday Dec. 22.

Gail Johnson celebrates a birthday Dec. 22.

George and Edna Woods celebrate their wedding anniversary Dec. 22.

Anthony Joseph Turner Jr. celebrates a birthday Dec. 22.

Loretta "Sis" Redfern celebrates a birthday Dec. 23.

Rita Rice celebrates a birthday Dec. 23.

Robert E. McClary III celebrates a birthday Dec. 23.

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Kenny and Becky Shipp celebrate their wedding anniversary Dec. 24.

Edward B. Nichols celebrates a birthday Dec. 25.

Gene Robertson celebrates a birthday Dec. 25.

Dorothy Daugherty celebrates a birthday Dec. 25.

Hilary Slover celebrates a birthday Dec. 25.

Stephanie Noel Muller celebrates a birthday Dec. 25.

Mark Guenther celebrates a birthday Dec. 25.

Phil Slover celebrates a birthday Dec. 26.

Chad Carpenter celebrates a birthday Dec. 26.

To submit an item to Milestones or delete an entry, send a postcard to "Milestones," Granite City Journal, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, Ill., 62040.

Hometown Heroes program begins again

It's time once again to nominate members of the greater St. Louis community to be Hardee's Hometown Heroes.

Twenty-five awardes will be selected from 17 categories for their exceptional community service efforts and

contributions. The Suburban Journals and KPLR-TV (WB11) join Hardee's in sponsoring the program.

Official nomination forms can be found at participating Hardee's restaurants. Mail nomination letters of 50 words

or more to: Hardee's Hometown Heroes, c/o the Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.

Include nominee's name, address and telephone number. The deadline is Jan. 31.

Madison enters into insurance contract

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Madison City Council gave Mayor John Hamm permission to enter into a contract with one of two insurance companies.

Hamm told the council Tuesday that a new proposal could save the city about \$40,000 a year over the present insurance carrier, the Illinois Municipal League.

In other business, the council approved spending \$239,000 for Bobcat training for Street Department workers. The training was to be held Thursday.

The council also approved an offer from Speedway Auto Salvage to purchase two surplus tandem trucks for \$700. The trucks would be used for parts.

There had been a higher bid for the trucks, but the city has been unable to contact the bidder, and Hamm said the Street Department needed the trucks for road salt.

The council also concurred with and approved resolutions authorizing the condemnation of homes at 1914 Elizabeth and 1918 Rhodes.

The house on Elizabeth was extensively damaged by fire on Nov. 27, and Building Inspector George Hlava reported that the building has become "dangerous and unsafe."

Hlava said the house on Rhodes has extensive termite damage to the floors, floor joists and wall studs and has been added on to "a number of times and in a manner that is not acceptable with current 1996 BOCA codes."

The council was also updated on renovation plans for 1701 Edwardsville Road.

Developer Michael Macek is planning to renovate the property into five apartments.

Macek had originally approached the city about placing a new sidewalk at the location. However, research showed that part of the building was actually on city property.

The building was apparently built out over the city property about 50 years ago and nobody noticed until Macek's request.

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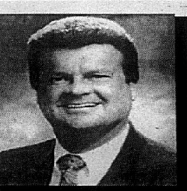
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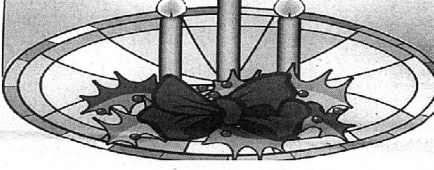
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By Scott Cousins
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Salvation Army gets another gold coin

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

There's gold in them thar
kettles!

MADISON COUNTY When counting proceeds from bell-ringing Wednesday, Capt. Martin Colip of The Salvation Army of Southwestern Madison County found a \$50 gold piece that someone donated. "It was wrapped in two one-dollar bills and stuck in the Wal-Mart kettle in Glen Carbon," he said.

The Salvation Army usually gets a gold coin or two during its annual Christmas fund-raising. The local Salvation Army serves the Edwardsville, Highland, Collinsville and Tri-City (Granite City-Madison-Venice) areas.

"This year there have been four of them dropped in Salvation Army kettles in the St. Louis area," he said. "Two in St. Louis, one in Belleville and one in Glen Carbon."

Although the face value is \$50, the coin is actually worth far more than that.

"They're one ounce of solid gold," Colip said. "Last year we had someone buy one from us for \$400."

So far, the Salvation Army has collected about \$34,000. This year's goal is \$140,000. Bell-ringing will continue through New Year's Day, but Colip is concerned about the week of Christmas.

"We're hanging in there, but I'm really worried about next week," Colip said. "Next week is the biggest week we'd have, and I'm going to be really short of bell-ringers."

He said it is becoming more difficult to hire bell-ringers and there are not enough volunteers.

"People won't give to unmanned kettles, and you wouldn't dare put them out there anyway," he said. "There is money to be made and not anybody out there to make it."

Last year, he said the collected almost \$25,000 during Christmas week.

"We've got to have some volunteers because I can't keep paid volunteers out there."

Distribution of Christmas baskets and toys will take place Dec. 21 and 22. For information, call 451-7957.



Capt. Martin Colip of The Salvation Army of Southwestern Madison County shows off a \$50 gold coin that was recently donated to the organization's annual holiday bell-ringing drive. Over the past several years, anonymous donors have placed gold coins in the group's kettles throughout the area. Funds raised by the annual event go to help the needy throughout the region during the festive season and throughout the year.

Origins of a few more

Christmas Customs FRANK'S®

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Our list of Christmas customs was just getting into full swing when we ran out of space. We have more. Pull up a chair, relax and enjoy some more of the origins of a few of the great customs of Christmas.

Carols

We all call them Christmas carols, but why? One of the definitions of the word "carol" is "round dance." Years ago, worshippers joined hands and danced in a circle as they sang at religious rites. It was appropriately called "caroling."

Cranberries

Native Americans told the Pilgrims that the wild red berries in the marshes near Plymouth were good to eat. And they were right. Soon cranberry sauce was served with turkey and became one of the few truly native American foods.

Teddy bears

As far as Christmas customs go, this one is fairly recent. The first one was created by a German woman who saw a cartoon of President Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt standing over a small bear he had shot. Inspired, the woman fashioned a jointed stuffed toy. When first offered at the Leipzig Toy Fair in 1903, it outsold every other toy.

Toy trains

Another recent custom, and still a big favorite. They were first created after the introduction of model railroading at the 1933 Chicago World's Fair. Public interest was so high, manufacturers began producing model railroading kits for consumers. And some of today's sophisticated model trains aren't toys by any stretch of the imagination.

Christmas Trees

Martin Luther gets the credit here. He was inspired by the beauty of tall evergreens against a starry background. He re-created the scene in his

own home with a small evergreen.

Tinsel

Okay, this one didn't have a glamorous start, but we'll tell you anyway. It seems that many years ago a decorated tree was visited in the middle of the night by spiders. And, like spiders do, they went from branch to branch, leaving their webs behind. The webs created a beautiful pattern against the dark tree. The rest is history.

Mince pie

"Mince" means chopped food, and this has been a favorite for over 500 years. The original recipe called for chopped partridges, hares and pheasants. Chopped beef was added later. More modern chefs began to add sugar, apples, raisins, currants and spices. The original shape of the pie was oblong, which represented the manger. The latticework-type crust symbolized the hayrack.

Candles

They've been the symbol of guiding light in the midst of darkness for many years. Today, a candle in the window (by all means, use a safe electric one) on Christmas Eve is supposed to indicate a home in which visitors are welcome.

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Store's toy giveway continuing

Free toys!
Don Caughron, owner of Don's Hardware, has hundreds of toys to give away to needy children.

The problem is, he needs more children to help. Every year, Caughron holds a toy drive around the Christmas season for needy children and their families at his store, located at 1837 Delmar Ave. in Granite City. So far, he and his friends have given away 1,500 toys. More than 2,000 still need to be claimed.

Families in need can come stop by Don's between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Caughron said, however, that he would stay open late for anyone who would call him and want to come get toys. "They can come in and take all they can carry," he said. Some start crying at the prospect of having toys. "They're really happy and surprised," he said. "They thought they'd have a Christmas with no toys." Call 451-7433 for details.

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Obituaries

Thomas Baldwin

THOMAS P. BALDWIN, 84, of Granite City, died Thursday, Dec. 17, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Baldwin was born Oct. 26, 1914, in Granite City. He was a retired welder at Granite City Steel and was a member of Bethel Chapel Pentecostal Church.

He married Dorothy (Hoxsey) Baldwin in 1967; she survives him. Other survivors include his three sons, Thomas Baldwin and Randall Baldwin, both of Granite City, and two daughters, Joyce Hartman and Phyllis Wright; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Elizabeth (Webster) Baldwin; his first wife, Ruth Penland Baldwin; and one sister.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at Bethel Chapel Pentecostal Church in Granite City, with Rev. Leon Bell officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Lake View Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

J.C. Chancellor

J.C. CHANCELLOR, 56, of Bandera, Texas, died Dec. 14, 1998, at San Antonio Hospital in San Antonio.

Mr. Chancellor was born February 5, 1940 in St. Louis, Mo. He was the past owner of J.C.'s Auto Salvage Yard at Bandera and served as chief of the Lake Medina Shores Volunteer Fire Department from 1991 to 1994.

Survivors include his wife, Dora (Sargent) Focht; four sons, Alan Focht of Belleville, Joe Focht of Granite City, Jack Focht of Chicago and Dean Focht of Carlinville; one daughter, Judy Meyer of Granite City; 17 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Theodora (Reed) Focht; three brothers, Earl, Clyde and Arnold Focht; one sister, Mabel Halverson; and one grandson, Mike Focht.

Services were held Thursday, Dec. 17, at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Henry Crippe officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Della Lane
DELLA LORRAINE (CANN) LANE, 92, of Granite City, died Thursday, Dec. 17, 1998, at Colonnades Nursing Home in Granite City.

Mrs. Lane was born Nov. 28, 1906, in Granite City. She was retired from Brown Shoe Company and American Steel. She was a member of Hope Lutheran Church and an active bowler at Bowland Lanes.

She married Josiah Lane on Feb. 9, 1935. He preceded her in death on Oct. 17, 1996.

Survivors include her son Donald Lane of Cuba, Mo.; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She also was preceded in death by her parents, George Lewis and Della Mae (Hurd) Cann; four brothers, Leslie Cann, Hugh Cann, Arthur and Lloyd Cann (twins); and three sisters, Martha Davies, Jessie Menzies and Lucille Kraml.

Visitation will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City. Services will follow the visitation at 6 p.m., with the Rev. Dr. David Ficht officiating.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Olive Parrish
OLIVE MAXINE (STANTON) PARRISH, 92, of Granite City, died Friday, Dec. 18, 1998.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete, and services are pending. Irwin Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Gerald Rawlings
GERALD E. RAWLINGS, 67, of Granite City, died Thursday, Dec. 17, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Mr. Rawlings was born on Oct. 12, 1931 in Lodi, Calif. He was a printer for John S. Swift Lithography in St. Louis. He was in the Air Force during the Korean War and a member of St. John United Church of Christ in Granite City.

He married Jean (Bearden) Rawlings on March 1, 1952; she survives. Other survivors are his two daughters, Brenda Rawlings and Sharon Providence, both of Granite City; sister, Joyce Butler of Stockton, Calif.; his brother, Garth Rawlings of Lodi, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Chester E. and Harriett M. (Tolliver) Rawlings.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at St. John United Church of Christ, 2801 Madison Ave. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at St. John United Church of Christ, with the Rev.

Allen Reiter officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery, Nameoki Road.

Memorials made to the American Diabetes Association. Irwin Chapel in Granite City is handling the arrangements.

Norman Weilbacher
NORMAN J. WEILBACHER, 72, of Edwardsville, died Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1998.

Mr. Weilbacher was born Aug. 28, 1926, in Columbia. He was a retired salesman from Knape and Vogt and was a member of American Legion Post 1283 and AMVETS Post 61. Mr. Weilbacher was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel (Ruch) Weilbacher; one son, Alan Weilbacher of Blue Springs, Mo.; one brother, Joseph Weilbacher of Columbia; three sisters, Mary Ann Stahmann of Lansing, Mich., Ariou Koch of Columbia, and Fran Foster of High Ridge, Mo.; and two grandchildren, Stacy and Clint Weilbacher, both of Blue Springs, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Hilda (Ruch) Weilbacher; and one brother, Willard Weilbacher.

No services were held. Per Mr. Weilbacher's wishes, the remains were cremated.

Werner Chapel handled the arrangements.

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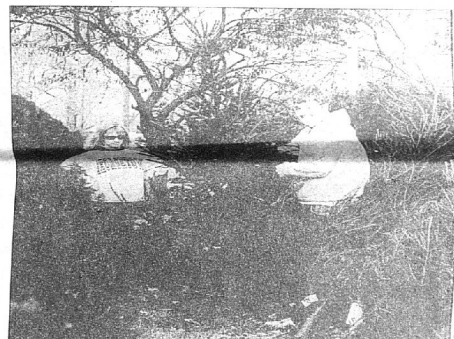
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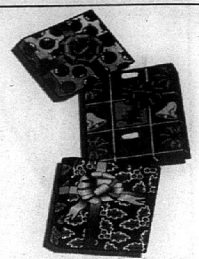


Waterloos' annual Christmas Walk was deemed a great success by organizers, drawing hundreds of people to the downtown area. Clockwise, from top left, Nelson Wolf plays a double-belled baritone; Derek Rowland and Taylor Yearian enjoy Italian peach juice at the Waterloo Winery; Cindy Champion picks out the perfect Christmas tree from Joy Mueller at the Optimist Club's tree lot; Vicki Brombolich, drawing winner, gets a prize and hug from Santa Claus; Rosalee Metzger, Helen Pfisterer, Gladys Kraft and Pat Copp enjoy the nice weather as they have their walk cards filled out by participating merchants; Maria Lenhardt, Ellen Otter and Kris Diehl with the seasonal flowers at Diehl's Florist.





Holiday Gift & Dining Guide



Home safety should be paramount over holidays

The smell of freshly baked holiday cookies, the glitter of colorful lights reflected off the fresh snow and the smiling faces of friends and family as they gather together to celebrate.

These images certainly bring to mind fond holiday memories. But these same holiday symbols and activities also can bring sobering images of possessions and lives lost as a result of tragic, though preventable, fires and injuries.

Many people are unaware December, January and February are the leading months for home fires and home fire deaths in the United States. In fact, according to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), more than one-third of home fire deaths in the United States occur during the winter months.

This holiday season, Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) and the NFPA once again are urging consumers to protect their homes, themselves and their loved ones from the devastating consequences of a home fire.

UL and the NFPA have broadened the scope of their annual "Operation Decoration" holiday safety campaign to include fire prevention and

safety tips for the holiday season, including tips for holiday entertaining and cooking, home heating, and holiday lighting.

Safer holiday entertaining
The holiday season is synonymous with family togetherness and with togetherness comes holiday entertaining. Although it is easy to become absorbed in the excitement that accompanies entertaining, it is important to always keep safety in mind. UL and the NFPA offer these fire safety tips to follow while entertaining and cooking during the holidays and any time of the year:

- Turn off and unplug all appliances when not in use. Periodically check on food being cooked in an oven, microwave or on the stove.
- Use caution when using electrical appliances. Never plug more than one high-wattage appliance into a single outlet. Check appliances for frayed or cracked cords and make sure to have them repaired by a professional technician if needed. Never stand in or near water when using electrical appliances.
- Keep young children at least three feet away from kitchen appliances when

cooking. If you allow older children to cook, supervise them closely and teach them safe cooking practices.

• Dress appropriately for cooking. Wear short or tight-fitting sleeves and use caution when working near heat sources.

• Have plenty of fire-resistant pot holders and oven mitts ready for use while cooking.

• Turn handles inward so pots and pans won't be pulled or knocked off the stove.

• Keep the stove-top clean and clear. Store combustible materials away from heat sources.

• Save operating instructions for rarely used appliances and reread them before each use.

Safer home heating
According to the NFPA, approximately 74,400 home fires occurred in 1995, killing 480 people and injuring more than 2,400. While home heating is usually a necessity during the colder months, home fires should not be a consequence.

The safety experts at UL and the NFPA offer the following tips and precautions when heating your home:

- Select heating equipment that bears the UL Mark. The UL Mark on a product means that UL engineers have tested

representative samples of the product for foreseeable safety hazards.

• Install and maintain heating equipment correctly, and be sure it complies with local fire and building codes. Have local building or certified maintenance and repair technicians check and clean your heating system once a year.

• Keep all portable heaters and space heaters at least 36 inches (1 yard) from combustible materials, including furniture, bedding, clothing and pets.

• Turn off space heaters when you are not in the room or when you go to sleep. Supervise children at all times when space heaters are in use.

• If you have an electric space heater, check for frayed or split wires or overheating. Have all problems repaired by a professional technician before operating.

• If you have a liquid-fueled space heater, use only the fuel recommended by the manufacturer. Never use gasoline or any other flammable liquid.

• The wrong fuel could burn hotter than the equipment's design limits and cause a serious fire.

When refueling, always turn off the heater and let it cool

down completely before adding fuel. Wipe up any spills promptly. If you are considering buying a kerosene heater, be sure to check with your local fire department first to find out if it is legal in your community.

• Store the kerosene away from heat or open flame in a container approved by the local fire department, and be sure it is clearly marked with the correct name of the fuel (i.e., kerosene).

• Have your chimney inspected by a professional heating technician prior to the start of every heating season and cleaned if necessary.

Creosote, a chemical substance that forms when wood burns, builds up in chimneys and can cause a chimney fire if not removed through cleaning.

• Always protect your home and your family by using a sturdy fireplace screen when using your fireplace.

• Remember to burn only wood never burn paper or pine boughs, which can float out the chimney and ignite your roof or a neighboring home. Do not use flammable liquids in a fireplace.

• If you are purchasing a factory-built fireplace, select one that is UL Listed and have it properly installed according

to local codes.

• Do not burn fires in your fireplace if the area around the fireplace and mantle are decorated with stockings or other combustible decorations.

Safer holiday lighting
Candles add a cozy touch to your home during the holidays, but if you're not careful, they can be a serious fire hazard as well. According to the NFPA, nearly 7,000 home fires are caused by candles every year.

Follow these fire prevention tips from UL and the NFPA to help keep your family safe from the dangers of candles:

• Be sure to place candles in sturdy, non-combustible holders, and keep them well away from decorations and other combustible materials.

Check candles frequently to make sure they don't burn down too far.

• Don't leave children unattended in a room with lit candles, and always keep candles, as well as matches and lighters, up high and out of the reach of children.

• Don't display lit candles in windows or near exits in case you need these to escape.

• Under no circumstances is it safe to use lit candles to decorate Christmas trees.

The Coolest Game on Earth has the hottest items for your special fan

Looking for a gift for your favorite hockey fan? Want to try something new and different to spread some holiday cheer?

Although you can't wrap a Scott Stevens (New Jersey Devils) slap shot or a Derian Hatcher (Dallas Stars) breakaway, anyone can give the excitement of the NHL.

The Coolest Game on Earth helps bring the game home this holiday season with the latest gift ideas guaranteed to score as the Coolest Gifts for the Holidays! With more than 1,000 different items to choose from, NHL products are the perfect gift to score points on anyone's holiday wish list.

With a full range of items and styles, there are NHL products available for everyone, from kids to players to collectors. With authentic jerseys, home furnishings and games, shoppers will be sure to find that special item for the hockey fan of any age.

Dad will proudly wear his replica customized jersey while rooting for his favorite team (\$75), and young ones will have taken their lunch to school in their team lunchbox (\$14.99), a new NHL

collectible. Sports fans of all ages can show off their team colors and stay warm during the cold holiday season with the team-color fleece pullover (\$22), and the collection of cool hats (\$16) is sure to score points on anyone's holiday wish list.

With products available in every price range, NHL merchandise is affordable, as well as fun. Surprise any fan with a goalie mask alarm clock (\$25) or the new calendar with a color photo of a different NHL player each month for just \$10. With prices this low, everyone comes away a winner!

With a full range of items at all price points from which to choose, NHL products are so cool, they're hot. In a wide array of styles and colors, you will be sure to find that special item for the hockey fan of any age.

Apparel: Team caps, replica jerseys, t-shirts, team logos, team sweatshirts, jackets and shorts, denim shirts, team logos, turtlenecks and a full line of infant and kids wear.

Specialty Items: home

furnishings like comforters, clocks, lamps, and pictures, team watches, earrings and pins, key chains, backpacks, computer desk sets, gym bags and golf bags.

Games and Toys: a full line of books and videos, figurines, posters, board games, trading cards and hockey pucks.

Don't fret if you aren't sure what team someone on your holiday shopping list roots for; merchandise with the NHL logo is also popular these days, as is the full line of Stanley Cup and USA Hockey apparel.

Don't forget that many items can be customized as well, which can make any gift that much more unique and special.

So cut the time you usually spend in the mall searching for the perfect holiday gift and head to any department or sporting goods store and find a wide array of NHL merchandise.

For those of you who don't want to brave the crowds, all items can be found on-line at the NHL's official Internet web site, www.nhl.com, or by calling (800) 4-HOT-ICE.

Craft stores offer great holiday gifts

By Barbara Ponder Staff writer

Kids and adults with more time than cash may find making gifts easier after a visit to one of the local craft stores.

"Candle-making becomes real popular at Christmas time," said Kitty Watson, one of the craft instructors at Michaels Arts and Crafts in Florissant. "Everything picks up. We do a lot of classes and the shirt classes become real popular now. You can do a shirt overnight."

There is still time to create a variety of craft projects for the holidays, Watson said.

Wooden items, like decorative sleds and birdhouses, are extremely popular and now even easier to decorate with the new rub-ons available.

"Rub-ons are like the old-fashioned decals but you don't have to wet them, Watson said. "You just lay it down and rub it on and it looks like it has been painted on."

For children, Watson suggests filling a sticker-decorated bag with

crayons, clay, markers, and other arts and crafts items.

Connie O'Dell, the office manager at Frank's Nursery and Crafts in Bridgeton, said Make-A-Memory kits and supplies are popular year-round.

The kits and supplies — including covers, backgrounds and stencils — are used to make personalized photo albums. The albums make great Christmas gifts for grandparents, O'Dell said.

Project sheets, with instructions, are available for \$1.99.

"We can find something that you can do," Watson said. "I always tell them to start with a bow-making class."

other sources of inspiration and instruction.

"The library is a very good source of craft books because we're seeing a lot of old crafts making a resurgence," Watson said.

"Macrame, decoupage — all those things are becoming more popular."

Crafting helps relieve stress and provides a sense of accomplishment as well as resulting in creative gifts and decor items, Watson said.

Michaels offers a variety of craft classes.

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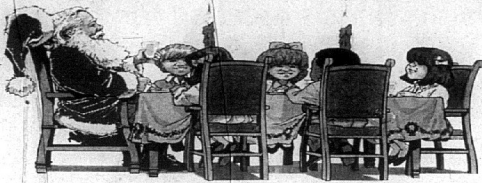
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Holiday Gift & Dining Guide

Manchester couple keep German holiday traditions

By Mary Shapiro
Staff writer

A Manchester, Mo., couple celebrate each Christmas season with an extensive collection of antique German decorations.

Ann and Frank Lehmann recently showed off a portion of their inventory, at Manchester City Hall during the Old Trails Historical Society's candlelight Christmas tour of historic buildings in the city.

Ann, 59, is an Old Trails

member. She works as a secretary for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, part of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Frank, 56, is a hairdresser at Ming Salon, 14147 Clayton Road.

Their avocation, however, is ornaments.

Frank's family came from the Ersgebirge, or the "Ore Mountains" part of eastern Germany, Ann said. He escaped from East Germany a few years before the Berlin Wall went up in the 1960s, she

said.

Their collection was started about 30 years ago, after their wedding, she said.

"Frank was so many miles from home, and Christmas is a sentimental time of year," Ann said. "I wanted things to remind him of his past and our children of their heritage."

The collection has burgeoned far beyond merely ornaments.

They have several "pyramids" — single or multilevel devices that have candles powering a windmill on top, resembling a carousel,

Ann said.

Many Germans have pyramids instead of Christmas trees, even though the idea for Christmas trees came from Germany, she said.

Their collection also includes "smokers" — carved figures with incense burners inside that can be lit, with the smoke coming from a carved pipe in the figure's mouth.

"The legend goes that incense was used to ward away evil spirits in old Germany," Ann said.

Nutcrackers also are staples

of the couple's loot. Their collection includes one turn-of-the-century nutcracker that is inlaid all in wood.

The couple have a traditional German Christmas angel — dressed in velvet, with a wax head and hands, and arms extended in greeting, Ann said.

Some of her favorite collection items include a wood angel reading a book with real pages; a little, carved village with tiny trees, all made from one piece of wood; and a hand-worked Nativity display with half-inch figures.

In past trips to the "old country," the Lehmanns have visited the village of Seifen, known worldwide for woodcarving.

"The old story goes that the village was made up of miners who also did woodcarving on the side," she said. "Well, the ore ran out so they turned to carving as their primary means of support hundreds of years ago."

Now, carved miners are common ornaments, she said.

Multi-functional furniture highly practical

In the course of a day, most of us juggle a variety of roles: parent, professional, host, etc. More and more, we want our homes to be multi-purpose as well — and often in a minimum of space.

The result? According to The Home Furnishings Council, there is a demand for furniture high in both style and practicality, pieces able to change function — desk to dining table, seating to storage — depending on need or mood.

Such flexible, double-duty furniture suits people's limited space and busy lives, said Susan Denney, owner of Minnesota-based Conestoga Wood Inc. Conestoga makes a wide variety of wooden benches, trunks and armoires.

"Storage benches are big, for example, because they provide storage, seating and create a focal point in an entry or hallway," Denney said.

Cedar chests are another strong seller. "We make a whole line of trunks that are finished all the way around, so they can be used as a coffee table."

Conestoga's newest offering is a dining nook ensemble with L-shaped benches that open to provide storage for table linens, silver or kids' homework supplies.

La-Z-Boy has picked up on the double-duty theme, with a new line of handsome armchairs that open to comfortable single beds.

"We've had great success with our 'chair and a half' sleepers, and we're expanding

the line," said John Chase, La-Z-Boy vice president of marketing. "They convert from a home office chair to a spare bed for guests. People are using them in dens and studies, in studio apartments — anywhere space is at a premium."

Other ideas for getting twice the use from furniture basics include:

Dining room table. Look for a solid farm or trestle table (some have storage beneath), which can function as a desk by day then be dressed up for dining at night. Add a laptop and a few rolling file bins (good for whisking into a corner or closet) and you have an instant home office.

Coffee tables. Check out

prices that offer drawers and storage for magazines, videos, games or kids' toys. Wooden chests or brushed metal trunks are stylish and sturdy, with loads of stow-away space.

Ottomans. The traditional staple is back in a big way, making an appearance as extra seating or even a coffee table. Many new models offer hinged tops that open to accommodate blankets, games, etc.

Armoires. Long the choice for storing the TV as well as the sweater collection, some new pieces are specifically designed to hide away a home computer station at the end of the day.

What to buy when you meet your soul mate?

By Harry Colbert Jr.
Staff writer

Here's the scenario:

You, being a single person in search of Mr. or Ms. Right, meet a potential mate on say, today (hey, it could happen). The holiday season is right around the corner. What do you do?

Run out and buy a brand new Corvette (hey, it could happen) or do you hand your potential life partner a Hallmark card and call it a day? Keep in mind, you've known this person only a little more than a few weeks before the holiday gift-giving season runs in full swing.

This scenario has happened to me a couple of times. I guess this says either, A. I can't keep a girlfriend longer than a year; B. I keep meeting women at the wrong times; or C. all of the above.

However, each time this has occurred, I was caught in a Catch-22. Do I hand the woman of my dreams (at least for a couple of months) a thoughtful card and look really cheap or do I surprise the love (or at least strong like) of my life

with the keys to a brand new home in North County (hey, it could happen) . . . if I win the lottery?

How do you decide what's too little and what's way too much?

I guess it all depends on how connected you feel with the other person. Is this person worthy of a considerable expenditure of your holiday budget?

In talking the subject over with a couple of other people, I got several interesting responses.

Gail Hunt, manager at the North County Target store, 2341 N. Highway 67, said to buy things in pairs.

"Buy something you can do together, like racquetball rackets," Hunt said. "That way you can get to know each other better."

Hunt also suggested buying games that require group interaction. Good idea! I wish I had thought of that a couple of girlfriends ago.

Hunt said if you're real impressed with your new love, a trip would be in order. I really like this suggestion. I figure if things don't work out

between the two of you, at least you get something out of the deal. Besides, you could meet that truly special person while on vacation (hey, it could happen).

My suggestion is to buy something thoughtful, yet inexpensive (OK, so I'm cheap). Things like perfume and cologne are great gifts and they won't put too big of a dent in your wallet.

A nice shirt also is a good way to show your affection for your newfound sweetheart without going over your holiday budget.

A colleague of mine has an interesting thought. He suggests not meeting anyone between Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day. That way it exempts you from having to worry about all the major gift-giving holidays.

Sounds like a plan. But, who's to say when Cupid's arrow will strike. It might be while doing last-minute shopping late Christmas Eve standing in a long line at a local drugstore (hey, it could happen).

Unusual gifts benefit MADD

When you're searching for gifts to please friends and family, consider that a simple treat or a unique gift can help save a life.

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Mitchell's backers get their day in court

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session, himself marvelling at the minute focus of the attorneys.

Bono presided over the 1997 hearing for Mitchell supporters' earlier incorporation attempt. Then, he had twice as many lawyers which with to contend. Bono gave the attorneys enough time to file briefs on various points raised during the hearing before it reconvenes. The most important surrounded priority, or first-come, first-served, of petition filings for annexation, pre-annexation, or incorporation, and whether Granite City actually satisfied state guidelines concerning publication of annexation ordinances.

How Bono decides those questions will then determine whether Mitchell actually has the required 7,500. If he rules in Mitchell's favor, the incorporation questions will be on the ballot in April, in the hands of the voters.

Mitchell supporters filed their petition for incorporation on Aug. 20. Three days before, on Aug. 17, Granite City annexed approximately six dozen properties and, at the same time, entered into pre-annexation agreements

How (Judge Randall) Bono decides these questions will then determine whether Mitchell actually has the required 7,500 (residents needed for a village to incorporate).

with several more property owners. Months before that, Union Electric (now known as AmerenUE) filed a pre-annexation agreement with Granite City to bring 1,500 acres into the city, with the annexation itself taking place Oct. 29.

Sinclair argued that the order petitions are filed does not necessarily mean that the first one filed gets priority. Rather, he said, the date an annexation actually takes effect should determine the order of priority.

Objectors argued that the simple act of filing establishes priority and the one filed first wins.

Sinclair also challenged that Granite City Clerk Judy Whitaker did not properly publish the ordinances surrounding the August annexations and therefore gave the Mitchell petition priority over the properties. Whitaker, however, maintained she did her duty and followed the law.

Sinclair also argued that there was a case that if a municipality waits too long to

act upon an annexation once filed, the matter can be considered "abandoned" and subject to the next party to file a petition on the land.

He also produced James Marty, a consultant engineer who drew up the 7.26-square-mile map, to give evidence that he came up with 8,039 residents within the incorporation boundaries — as long as he followed Sinclair's instructions to ignore the annexations.

Even with the annexations taken into account, Sinclair argued that Mitchell would still have the proper number. However, objectors argued that because the annexations made parts of the Mitchell map noncontiguous, Mitchell would fail to meet the required number.

After mounds of documents, ordinances and maps were entered into evidence, and all preliminary arguments made, Bono opted for recess. Sinclair said there needs to be a decision by Feb. 11 if the question is to be on the ballot.

USWA sets steel crisis meeting for Tuesday

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The company also has no new orders coming in, which could lead to even more layoffs after the first of the year.

To the north, Laclede Steel Co., which is also saddled with aging steel mills, recently filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

The business operates in Alton employing about 850 workers and also has a facility in Madison that shut down earlier this year. Some of the Madison workers were hired at the Alton plant, but have since been let go.

Last month, steel union and industry leaders met with President Clinton, his full cabinet, Vice President Al Gore and other federal officials in a private meeting to fully inform the president on the situation.

Also, in a 6-0 vote, the International Trade

Commission recently approved a preliminary staff recommendation saying that foreign companies are dumping subsidized steel.

Subsidies violate basic trade agreements and allow other countries to dramatically undercut U.S. steel prices. If the companies are found to be dumping steel by the Commerce Department, those imports could face tariffs of up to 200 percent.

According to the Commerce Department, the second quarter of 1996 showed the highest steel import volumes in U.S. history. Steel imports from Japan during the first six months of 1996 increased 113.7 percent over January to June 1997, and imports from South Korea increased 89.5 percent during the same period.

Some information for this story was provided by staff writer Scott Kelly.

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Sound Off

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American steel industry under unfair international attack

Foreign dumping could affect Granite City Steel in future

By Sen. Dick Durbin

One of America's recent industrial success stories is under attack.

Since 1986, the U.S. steel industry has invested \$50 billion in modernization, making it the preeminent steel maker in the world.

But recently, the industry has suffered significant setbacks. Nationwide, 20,000 U.S. steelworkers have been laid off in the past several months and profits fell 50 percent in the first half of 1998.

In the past two months, two steel companies operating in Illinois have declared bankruptcy — Acme Metals of Riverdale and St. Louis-based Laclede Steel, which operates a large factory in Alton. In addition, the Great Lakes division of National Steel, Granite City Steel's parent company, recently shut down its blast furnace.

The evidence indicates that the prime reason behind this decline is foreign steel sold on the U.S. market at prices lower than the cost required to produce it. This practice is commonly known as "dumping."

Much of the dumping can be traced to countries where economic recession and currency devaluations have left a glut of cheap steel. From January through September, imports increased 148 percent from Japan, 112 percent from South Korea and 37 percent from Russia compared with the same period last year.

Overall, foreign imports rose to 30.5 million tons during the nine-month span, 27 percent higher than last year's figure.

Some argue against taking action to stop the dumping of foreign steel on the grounds that competition is simply the price of free trade. But free trade must be fair trade, and dumping is illegal under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Last month, the U.S. International Trade Commission unanimously made a preliminary finding: The U.S. steelmakers were being hurt by imports. The ruling automatically triggers a U.S. Department of Commerce investigation into whether steel is being dumped in the United States.

The inquiry could result in retroactive duties on imported steel of up to 200 percent.

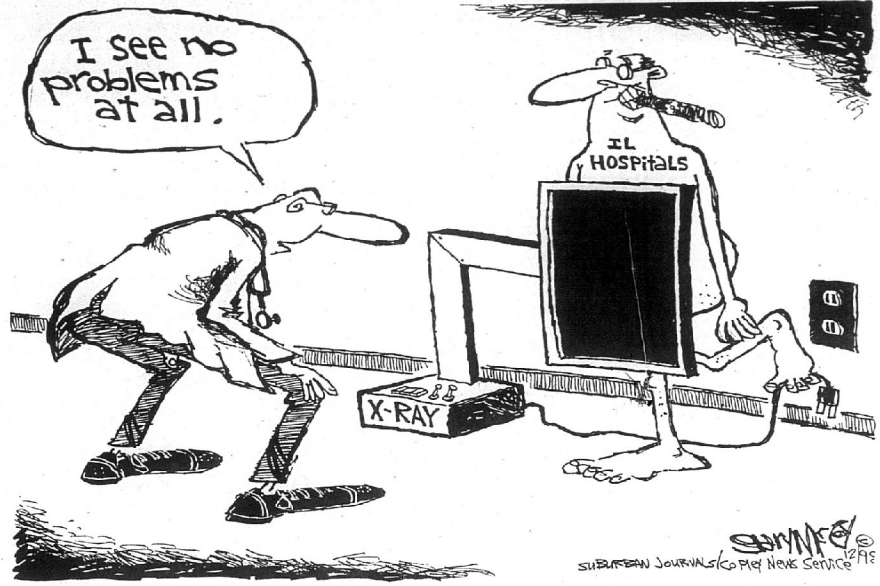
This is a step in the right direction, but we shouldn't wait for Commerce's ruling. With a bi-partisan group of more than 40 senators, I have written to President Clinton, urging him to take immediate action to end the dumping of foreign steel.

And the Senate Steel Caucus, of which I am a member, recently held a hearing on this issue to determine what steps the administration is taking to provide relief to the American steel industry.

We shouldn't wait until it's too late. The U.S. steel industry is important, not only for its own production and the jobs it provides, but also for the other industries it supports, from iron and coal mining to computer systems and software.

And we should remember, too, that products other than steel could be dumped on the U.S. market. Let's keep our economy strong by ensuring that our trading partners play by the rules.

Dick Durbin in a United States Senator.



Grey's goal: Turn back Illinois gambling's tide

The legalized gambling crowd looks like it's on a political roll throughout the country.

For instance, Missouri and California voters both approved gambling expansion questions last November. And voters in two southern states, South Carolina and Alabama, both elected Democratic gubernatorial candidates who promised to start up state lotteries and use the profits to fund college scholarships.

But the Rev. Tom Grey, executive director of the Hanover-based National Coalition Against Legalized Gambling, believes he can push that pendulum back a little in Illinois.

Maybe, maybe not, although he may be right when he says that gambling expansion is not looking all that likely under Gov.-elect George Ryan's incoming administration.

Almost nobody believed candidate George Ryan when he said he opposed expanding legalized gambling. After all, this was the same guy who concocted a gigantic gambling expansion deal a few years back that tried to bring a mega-gaming complex to Chicago.

George would find a way around his new gambling pledge, the consensus said. Besides, the consummate dealmaker couldn't possibly keep his hands out of what



Rich Miller

could be the mother of all backroom deals.

But after the election, Ryan's spokesperson told reporters that Ryan was against Gov. Jim Edgar's last-minute plan to move the Jo Daviess County riverboat license to Cook County. The idea would be an expansion of gambling, said the spokesperson, and therefore a violation of Ryan's promise because current state law bans riverboats in Cook County.

Lots of insiders were stunned by the spokesman's comment, but Rev. Grey believes he understands why Ryan threw cold water on the idea.

Ryan did not want to "squander his credibility" on such a high-profile issue before he even takes office, said Grey. In other words, if Ryan had supported the Edgar plan, he would have signaled just

days after the election that all of his campaign promises were also probably made of Swiss cheese.

If Ryan had even bent his campaign pledge, it would almost certainly have been a huge issue to the Springfield-based press corps, which has covered the ups and downs of gaming legislation more than almost any other topic throughout this decade. George could have damaged his administration two months before he was sworn in.

Grey is hoping to hold Ryan to his original campaign promise and he repeats that old saying about the best defense being a good offense. He plans to hook up with a broad coalition next spring to push for a few pieces of legislation that the pro-gambling types will absolutely hate.

One bill would prevent riverboats from making campaign contributions (boat owners will always feel vulnerable because they are licensed by the state, so they don't want to give up that security blanket). Another would get the state much more involved in treating gambling addicts (the boat people plan to attach this idea to an expansion bill, so they want to hold onto that bargaining chip).

Yet another would ban ATM's on riverboats (lost

revenue). And the final idea would force boats to bar anyone if their spouse formally claimed that the person's gambling was a threat to their family (difficult to administer, violation of gamblers' rights).

Grey wants to finally knock the pro-gambling forces back on their heels after years of putting almost every ounce of effort into just stopping their forward progress.

The politics of the General Assembly might help Grey's agenda. The voters in just about every "targeted" legislative district overwhelmingly oppose expanding legalized gambling, and the legislative leaders may not see enough of a benefit in risking any losses over an issue that the new governor publicly opposes, particularly since the House and Senate are so closely divided between the two political parties.

Of course, the glamour of gambling expansion has enticed many, many people in Springfield, so Ryan could one day find himself trying to wriggle out of his previous commitments.

But if Grey can change the tone of the Statehouse debate by passing his bills, then that day might not come for a long time.

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Republicans trying to take over

I think it's a disgrace how the Republicans are trying to overthrow the government. They're really just trying to take over. We didn't vote them in this last time to show them something. They've got this conspiracy going against the president. If we can't have an election without the Republicans and the tobacco companies going after him and trying to throw him out of office, what are we supposed to do in this country?

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Ann McGinnis, 70
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"When I finally figured out that dad wasn't Santa. My big brother helped me. And celebrating the rebirth of Jesus every year."

Gail Vordtrike, 39
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"When I was 6 I got a lot of really neat presents. The family came to my house. I saw my cousins and wore our dress-up clothes. Grandma cooked. It was really a big feast."

Blair Keltner, 8
Belleville
Student



"My family, because my mom has always been there for me, no matter what I wanted or needed."

Erica Huch, 18
Belleville
Store clerk



"Coming down the steps and seeing your first Christmas. I was about 4, the only child. I got a scooter and rode it for hours."

Janice Sample, 59
Cahokia
Homemaker

Photos and interviews by Barb Helfrich
Interviewed at St. Clair Square

Venice students help SEMC Koch Center

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Don Adams, a member of the hospital's advisory board and this year's WINGS campaign chairman, said the donation was "fantastic."

"For the young folks here to realize the service that we're providing, that makes us feel good about it," he said.

The clubs raised slightly more than \$500, which was matched by an anonymous donor.

The money was raised

through a variety of fund-raisers, including concession stands and soda sales at the school.

Teacher Lena Rush, who sponsors both clubs, said many of the students had received immunizations and other health care services from the Koch Center and wanted to give something back.

The Beta Club is a service organization.

"We do a lot of activities for the school," Rush said. "We provide incentives for the students who do well academically and who stay out

of trouble, and we try to instill in one another the ability to do well in school and to be a leader, rather than a follower."

Ted Ellerman, president and CEO of St. Elizabeth's, praised the students for their generosity.

"So many times, the youth of this country take a lot of negative press," he said.

"There are a heck of a lot of good kids in this country who deserve attention."

Alton Belle entrance being diverted

By Paul Brinkmann
Staff writer

Alton Belle patrons and others entering Riverfront Park at Henry Street in downtown Alton may be diverted by construction soon, officials said.

The park entrance will be reconstructed starting in January to line it up with Henry Street descending from Broadway.

"This will be a big improvement," said Phil

Roggio, director of economic development. "The new entrance will have a concrete road and gutters. It will be landscaped and lighted."

The Alton City Council approved a contract Wednesday with engineer PB Booker Associates Inc. to design the new entrance.

The total project is expected to cost about \$1 million.

Roggio said traffic plans have not been finalized.

"I am not sure what we will do with traffic flow. It may be

closed for a while or it may not. It may be one-way."

Henry Street is one of two entrances to the park. The road leads to parking for the park, the Alton Belle Casino and the Alton Marina.

The reconstruction project is the third phase of rebuilding the park, a project that has been under way for eight years.

The latest phase is being funded by about \$300,000 in federal grant money and \$800,000 in casino revenue.

Shimkus honored by Illinois soybean growers

U.S. Rep. John Shimkus, R-Collinsville, was named the Illinois Soybean Association's 1998 Friend of Agriculture. He was presented with the award during the 1998 Illinois Commodity Conference in

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Dwain Ford, ISA president.

Shimkus represents the 20th Congressional District, which includes Springfield, Mount Vernon, Quincy and the East St. Louis metro area.

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9:30
Star Trek (PG) 2:00, 4:25, 7:15, 9:30
A Bug's Life (G) 2:05, 4:20, 7:05, 9:20
Jack Frost (PG) 2:20, 4:30, 7:20, 9:25
Prince Of Egypt (PG) 2:15, 4:35, 7:00, 9:15

COTTONWOOD EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA
Edwardsville, Ill., 959-6390
171 Be Home For Christmas (PG) 2:30, 7:15
I Still Know What You Did Last Summer (R) 2:15, 7:00
Ringmaster (R) 2:00, 7:30

NAMEOKI CINEMA
30 Nameoki Village, 877-6630
Gabe (G) (R) 2:00, 6:45

The Waterboy (PG-13) 2:15, 7:00

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822-4900

The Rugrats Movie (G) 12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 7:00, 9:00
Prince Of Egypt (PG) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
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Enemy Of The State (R) 1:40, 5:30, 8:10
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Horoscope

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

The last full day of the Sagittarian solar visit could stir thoughts of evaluation and longing. During these winter holidays, we sum up the year, deciding what was pleasing and disappointing. Many will make one last, daring push to capture a job or the attention of a love interest before the end of the year. Such attempts are lucky.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 20). You branch out this year, showing talent in arenas you hardly knew existed. Collaborate on a creative project, and you'll open doors formerly closed. February is one of the luckiest months you've seen. Lucky love signs are Gemini and Cancer. Windfalls come through travel or a new



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You begin to move in a new stratum of social influence. Leadership comes naturally to you, so you should feel more comfortable socially than you have in a long time. A more socially active period is indeed beginning.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will enjoy the benefits of stimulating companionship and the security of having friends you can count on. A rare closeness can be achieved now with a few special people, one of whom may act as a mentor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your pace of work slows. It's important to find time to relax. Goals can be addressed

through firming up future plans with trusted people. Warning: Spending more than you can afford on the holidays is not worth it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Start the week by counting your blessings. Exercise care in making large purchases. It's a good time for married couples to accomplish something together. If your family is divided by loyalties, you can stop the nonsense.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Money may be the hidden cause of tensions with family members. It is easy to remember what someone owes you and difficult to think about what you owe others. Warm, fuzzy feelings are exchanged with a Taurus or fellow Leo.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A financial controversy is resolved when unexpected benefits are used to pay something off. A parent may have advice on matters of romance. A secret rendezvous may occur with a Scorpio or Pisces.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Feel confident about current plans, since you'll never know for sure what might have been if you chose differently. Allow time for loving discussions and plans. Let the world go by tonight so you can relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Personal matters may become more public than you wish. Openness will be key to finding a novel solution. A long-distance romance is a distinct possibility! New love might be with a Capricorn or fellow Scorpio.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are always more exciting roads to travel, so don't be discouraged if it looks like you've come to the end of one. Trust the process of life. Terrific passion with a fellow fire sign is possible tonight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are more solvent than you think. Ideas are worth something—in fact, creativity can save the day. Overcome worries about travel plans—the journey is worth it. A very special cultural event is in the cards.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A move from friendship to romance could begin this afternoon. Carefully laid plans may come apart, teaching you that you cannot control much beyond your own reaction. Special things you do are appreciated.

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Disturbing dreams in the night teach many good lessons

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Living your life with gratitude is the only way to have the right attitude to carry you through day after day. Yes, we are so busy, we

A New You



Catherine Galasso

has careers, families and homes to take care of. Yes, there are people who try to get you down, but there are others whose friendship is so valuable and precious.

Yes, we have heartaches and trials, but we also have

blessings and joys beyond measure. Sometimes you just have to look for them and focus on them.

Focus is really just another word for discipline. "I have many things to be grateful for," wrote reader Elizabeth Ayala, "a good husband and sons who help me as much as they can, a home, good health, a car to drive and plenty to eat."

If we leave our mind unguarded, then the enemy can put every kind of negative thought into it. It is his job to make us dissatisfied with everything God has given us and every person he has put in our lives.

But I believe every one of us is smart enough to know his tactics and to know how to defeat his darts. "Do not be

overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12: 19-21.

We must first look on all human beings with eyes of compassion. This was one of Jesus' greatest attributes. He showed us that the quality of a compassionate person is a beautiful one.

Isn't it wonderful to read a column that states with understanding just what you have been going through? Compassion and understanding filled with love is healing.

When you wake up in the morning you have to smile. You have 24 brand new hours before you. God gave this present to you. It's only polite to say "thank you" to someone who gives you a gift.

Vow to live each hour full of purpose and gratefulness every

waking moment, and the strength of his love will flow into your life. "I praise God for all the good things He has given me," says reader Mary Mazzetta.

Be determined to have the right attitude, the attitude of gratitude. God forgives and overlooks all kinds of failures if our attitude to him is of love, thankfulness and determination to do better each and every day.

Behold the beauty and wonder that surrounds you. Lift the shades of your mind and let the Son shine in. You can view the beautiful outdoors and listen closely to the sounds of nature, the trees rustling, the birds chirping.

We have to pull together to get up this road in life. And there are definite directions to

reach our destination.

At the end of each day, give yourself time to read the 'directions how to get to that lovely celestial city written in the Bible. And talk with the Mapmaker to be sure you understand every hidden turn.

I am writing to tell you of the challenges I encounter every day, and I'm giving you my secrets of how to overcome and reach your destination with joy and rejoicing.

Catherine Galasso is a free-lance columnist for the *Suburban Journals*. You may write to her at *Suburban Journals*, 1714 Dear Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131, or by e-mail at westnews@primary.net.

Simpson nominated for award

Cory Simpson, a Granite City High School senior, has been nominated to compete in the National Association of Secondary School Principals Leadership Award program (PLA), sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). The Principal's Leadership Award Program is funded by Herff Jones, Inc. R. William Rotter, GCHS principal, announced the nomination, which places Simpson in the national competition. A total of 150 national PLA winners will be chosen this spring to receive \$1,000 college scholarships. Rotter stated that Cory has that special combination of academic excellence, participation in extracurricular activities at school and community activities, which make him an excellent nominee.

Principals in high schools throughout the county could nominate one of their student leaders. Winners are selected based on their participation in service organizations, clubs and athletics; achievements in the arts and sciences; employment experience; and academic record. They also were required to write an essay. Cory has demonstrated exemplary achievement in his work and participation in his school and community," said Thomas F. Koerner, NASSP executive director. "He is a fine example of the

outstanding caliber of young people in America's high schools."

In recognizing leadership in cocurricular activities - the new term for extra-curricular activities, as coined in *Breaking Ranks: Changing an American Institution* - as well as academic performance, the PLA scholarship helps assert the influence of a well-rounded education.

Breaking Ranks, the high school reform report issued NASSP in partnership with The Carnegie Foundation of the Advancement of Teaching, says cocurricular activities should be an essential part of the school curriculum. While at Granite City High School, Simpson has participated in many club activities, including the Scholar Bowl Team, attended the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Conference and is a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist. Next fall he plans to attend Washington University in St. Louis to prepare for a medical career.

NASSP is the nation's largest school leadership organization, with a membership reaching toward 30,000 middle level and high school principals and assistant principals. It administers the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society and the National Association of Student Councils, American

Technology Honor Society and the National Association of Student Activity Advisers, collectively serving an additional 58,000 advisers and more than 1 million students.

NASSP is also the sponsor of the National Student Leadership Week. The Alliance of High Schools is also administered by NASSP.

New BAC art gallery unveiled in ceremony

A place where art thrives for students, artists and the community is envisioned with a new privately funded art gallery to be built at Belleville Area College.

Described as "A Gift to the Community," BAC's Board of Trustees and the college's Foundation Board of Directors this week unveiled an architect's model of the building. Chairman Norman Owca

said the project would not have gone forward if not for the generosity of donors.

The building will be named the William E. and Florence Schmidt Art Center.

Two galleries, conference room, office and storage

areas are included in building plans. The main gallery will be named in honor of Billie Jean and John Marsh; and the promenade will be named in honor of Barbara Constance. Both Billie Marsh and Constance are members.

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I. A public hearing to approve a proposed tax levy increase for the City of Madison, Illinois, for the year 1998 will be held on Monday, December 28, 1998, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 615 Madison Avenue, Madison, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the Taxing District (City of Madison) may contact Misty Spivey, Secretary, Clerk's Office, 615 Madison Avenue, Madison, Illinois, Phone Number 876-6268.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for the preceding year 1997 were \$332,635.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for the current year 1998 are \$408,991. This represents 122.95 percent increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service for the preceding year 1997 were \$29,893.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service for the current year 1998 are \$33,756. This represents a 112.92 percent increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended for the preceding year 1997 were \$362,528.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for the current year 1998 are \$442,747. This represents a 122.13 percent increase over the previous year.

DATED this 15th day of December, 1998.

SHARON CASS
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Park District registration under way

Registration is now under way at the Granite City Park District offices for the next session of all adult and children's winter programs.

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Lack of wins led to Betz leaving West football post

Let's be honest about it. When a change is made in the high school football coaching ranks, it usually is done for any of several reasons.

Yet, from this perspective, when 56-year-old Larry Betz yielded to the Belleville Township High School board's wishes and resigned as Belleville West football coach while remaining as the Maroons girls basketball coach, one explanation



Art Voellinger
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sufficed. Betz did not win. He began as an interim coach in place of the injured Dick Hood in 1995 and posted records of 1-5 in '95, 2-7 in '96, 3-6 in '97 and 0-9 in '98.

Previously, as varsity football coach at Cahokia, he was 5-14 for the 1972 and '73 seasons, for a varsity career composite record of 11-41.

His composite of 6-27 at Belleville West began with a 58-27 loss to East St. Louis in 1995 and ended with a 27-23 defeat at Rock Island in '98.

In 32 games after moving from an assistant post, he eclipsed the 27 points of his debut just twice.

Against what I term "The Big Three"—Althoff, Belleville East and East St. Louis—Betz was 1-9 with the victory being a 2-0 forfeit against East Side in 1997. Put O'Hallon and Edwardsville in that mix, and it's an additional 0-6.

It's The Big Three, though, that appears to weigh the merits of a Maroons coach.

Prior to being fired in 1999, when he guided West to a 6-3 record, the late Bruce Arnold coached the Maroons to losses of 35-0 to Althoff, 28-7 to East and 50-0 to East Side.

Although he was 125-68-1 from 1970-89, Arnold was part of the futility that now has stretched the Big Three's dominance meter to 11 consecutive losses to East, 10 of the last 11 to Althoff, and 14 of 16 to East Side, including the previously mentioned Maroons forfeit victory.

Probably the most unfortunate aspect of the Betz-West era came in '96 when, in his first full season as head coach, his 2-7 record included one-point losses to Belleville East (34-33) and to Collinsville (23-28) and a 26-19 setback to East Side.

Even a 4-5 first full season record might have helped generate interest in the Maroons program that found fans complaining about the lack of players dressed for varsity games.

As the numbers decreased to 35 in uniform while Belleville East dressed nearly twice that many, the varsity defeats led to some fans writing to newspaper editors seeking answers for the varsity demise in contrast to underclassmen success.

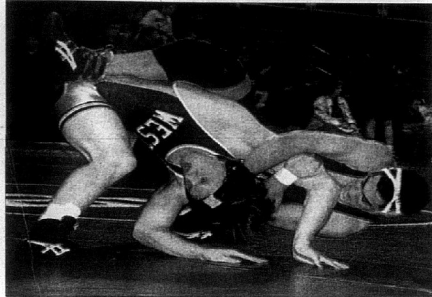
Will Betz's successor do better? The hunt is on for someone who can generate interest and build on an 8-1 freshman record and 5-4 sophomore mark in '98.

The freshmen, who numbered as many as 42 players, toppled Althoff 48-19 and Belleville East 34-6. Their only loss was 39-22 to Edwardsville. They did not play East St. Louis.

Regarding the Big Three, the Maroons sophomores defeated East 21-0 and East St. Louis 14-0, but lost 15-14 to Althoff.

Overtime

This year's winless record was the first for the Maroons since 1968, the final year of coaching for H.B. Tabor.



Granite City 112-pounder Jake Trtanj, right, posted a victory against Belleville West's Dan Muskopf Thursday.

Granite City pins loss on Belleville West

Warriors coach concerned by three losses by fall

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City was pushed by Belleville West on Thursday night, but the Warriors prevailed 42-29 to keep their consecutive lengthy regular-season dual meet victory streak intact.

Steve Peach got things going for the Warriors at 103 pounds, making short work of

Belleville West's Greg Streib.

"I thought I wrestled pretty good," Peach said. "As a team, we wrestled pretty good. I thought the team we wrestled was pretty good. A couple of matches could have gone the other way, but overall I thought we did pretty good. They gave us a pretty good match, but we've wrestled a lot better."

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Lancers explode to top Warriors 61-56

Belleville East rallies in second half to post Southwestern Conference win

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Stetson Hairston scored 17 points in the second half to lead Belleville East past Granite City 61-56 in a battle of Southwestern Conference unbeatens Friday night.

BOYS BASKETBALL "I think they are a very good basketball club," Granite City coach John VanBuskirk said. "They are very athletic. Their defense didn't allow us to run any offense. We were stymied by that and we lost our composure. We didn't even shoot free throws very well, and that's something that we've done well this year. At a certain point, we were only down seven and we probably missed enough free throws to be back in the game."

Matt Pistorius led Granite City with 16 points, and point guard Zack May was just behind at 15. Kevin Elliott knocked down 9 and center Chris Tindall had 4.

For East, Mike Wright added 11 and Tony Patterson 10 to Hairston's 17. Justin Mason and Kris Crosby each had 9 points.

The Lancers clamped down on Granite City's shooting lanes all night.

"That's their athleticism," VanBuskirk said. "They are super athletes and they are a lot quicker than us, and you saw that in their defense of us. They just caused us tremendous problems and we weren't very disciplined in running our offensive patterns. We just got down on ourselves, even our free-throw shooting was down, and that's not like us. We've been very consistent at the free-throw line."

The Warriors went into halftime with an 18-16 lead, but the Lancers exploded for 23 in the third and 22 more in the fourth.

"They started shooting their layups," VanBuskirk said. "They like shooting those layups; those are high-percentage shots for them. We were having to work our tails off just to get a 15-footer and that's a big difference in the game."

When we have to go chase them man-to-man, we're in big trouble. You don't

ever want to have to do that. There is a whole lot of difference between the speed and quickness in that locker room and ours, a whole lot of difference. We can't play them man-to-man."

Hairston, shut out in the first two quarters, took control of the second half.

"He really didn't do too much in the first half," Warriors forward Chris Tindall said. "In the third quarter, we weren't expecting them to come out as strong as they were. We just had a lack of playing hard and playing together."

"He had a nice second half," VanBuskirk said. "They made some nice jump shots. They were ready to play the game. You have to take your hats off to them. They are a nice ballclub. They have a win on the road in this conference and that's going to be tough to get. They beat a good ballclub in Alton."

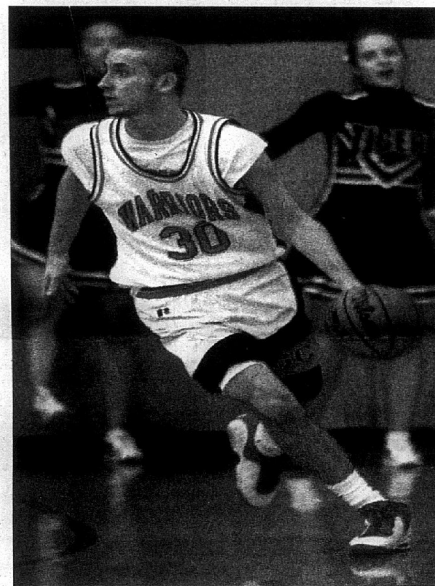
The Warriors, who have beaten Edwardsville and Belleville West at home in conference play, were unable to deal with East's quickness and depth.

"I know we can handle the quickness," Warriors forward Mike Simpson said. "We just didn't get it done. We had too many turnovers. They fouled a lot, so we could have gotten it done from the free-throw line. He's quick. I know we can play better than that. We'll get it done next time."

Both teams stand at 6-2 overall.

The Lancers played Saturday at Belleville West in a conference game while the Warriors hosted Jerseyville.

Belleville East 61, Granite City 46						
Granite City	6	12	14	14	—	46
Belleville East	9	7	23	22	—	61
Granite City — Pistorius 16, May 15, Elliott 9, Tindall 4, Simpson 2. 2FG-16 3FG-0 FT-14.						
Belleville East — Hairston 17, Wright 11, Patterson 10, Crosby 9, Mason 9, Bujnak 2, Mueller 2, Bennett 1. 2FG-18 3FG-6 FT-7.						



Granite City's Kevin Elliott scored 9 points Friday night as the Warriors lost a conference game for the first time this year.

Meszaros provides scoring, leadership for Warriors

Senior scores six goals in one period against Roxana

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City senior Bobby Meszaros led the Mississippi Valley Conference Hockey Association's Southern Division in scoring last year with 13 goals and 13 assists.

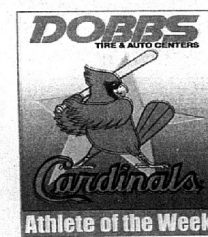
More importantly, Meszaros led his Illinois Warriors to their first year of existence.

This year, team captain Meszaros carries a greater burden. The Warriors lost goalie Robble Slater's 1.52 goals-against average and forward Vince Whittenburg's 20 points to graduation. More recently, the team lost productive forward Greg Pritchard.

"Last year, I wracked up a lot of points on assists with Vince Whittenburg," Meszaros said. "He had 11 goals last year and a lot of them were on my assists."

"This year he's gone, so I have to fill his spot, get the goals and still set plays up to get other guys goals too. Also, we're not going to win any one- or two-goal games this year, so we have to really pile it on and make sure we give a good cushion for our young

goalies." Meszaros has done his part



Athlete of the Week

to rack up the goals. He left Roxana shell-shocked last week with a six-goal outburst in the first period.

In eight games, Meszaros already has 15 goals and six assists.

"Bobby is the leader of this team," Warriors coach Paul Solberger said. "He's got just oodles and oodles of ability. He's a good heads-up hockey player. Bobby is one of the premier players in the league; and when Bobby gets hot and

has a good night, there is not a team in the league that can stop him."

A big part of our success is how well Bobby Meszaros plays. We know teams are going to put a guy or two guys on him, shadowing him, and what's very important is that Bobby sees the ice and knows that if there are two guys covering him, there must be a man open out on the ice."

Meszaros has the versatility that makes him a great player.

Last week, with his team leading Belleville West by one goal and less than a minute to play, Meszaros quashed a Maroons threat by laying a shoulder on the West player, getting to the other end of the ice and scoring an empty-net goal to seal the victory.

"When Bobby starts working and he gets those legs pumping, not only can he score, but he's also a great set-up man," Solberger said. "He's got a great set of hands, he sees the ice extremely well, looks up and sees the open man and sets the plate for us. He's very, very important to us on the power play just for

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Bobby Meszaros led the Illinois Warriors and the MVCHA Southern Division in scoring last season with 13 goals and 13 assists. He has stepped up the scoring pace this season with 15 goals already.

Sports

Warriors defeat Maroons for second straight win

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Bobby Meszaros scored four goals, including an empty-netter with 27 seconds to go, to lead the Illinois Warriors past Belleville West 4-2 Wednesday night.

"I think the effort we put out tonight was good," Warriors senior Tim Knowlton said. "We were missing some guys off of our roster, but the effort was there. We took a couple of dumb penalties but played pretty well."

The Warriors opened the scoring less than two minutes into the game. Dustin Wesley weaved through the Maroons defense, got knocked down, and from the seat of his pants got a shot off. The rebound went to Meszaros, who notched his first goal of the game and 12th of the season.

Meszaros scored again at the 8:22 mark of the first, when freshman Luke Forrester sent a rink-wide pass to Meszaros' blade and the senior captain gave the Warriors a 2-0 lead.

Belleville West responded on the power play with 41 seconds left in the first period.

But, just 22 seconds into the second, Meszaros struck again. Wesley held the puck behind the net, drawing the defense to him, and then fed Meszaros in front for the goal.

Belleville West scored again on a short-handed situation in the third period to make it a one-goal game with 4:35 to play.

But Meszaros sealed the win with his empty-netter.

"I thought it was a good overall effort,"

Meszaros continues hot pace with four goals

Warriors coach Paul Solberger said, "One of the things we talked about before the game was playing with a purpose, and I thought the kids played together really well. We had a good intense practice and we worked on a couple of things, and I think some of those things confused Belleville West, like when we had the puck in their end. We ran a couple of picks and ran some traps and basically caught them flat-footed in their end. I thought we really took it to them."

The Warriors defense has been solid. The Warriors previously shut out Roxana to end a four-game winless streak and are now 4-3-1.

On their second goal, we had a turnover in our end," Solberger said. "We've been working really hard and we had very few turnovers in our end. I thought the defense played stellar. Brandon (Rollins) did a nice job in net. He should have probably had a shutout. We played well enough in front of him, with a couple of exceptions, for him to have a shutout. But he made good saves when he had to. I thought the kids stepped up and played well as a team."

The Warriors threw in 14 goals in two games last week, 10 of those by Meszaros.

"Doug Seuss, my assistant coach, draws up the offensive schemes," Solberger said. "He runs the offense and puts the lines together. Doug is an excellent coach, he has great hockey knowledge. He played Junior B hockey

and he really makes the offense click. Our power play is so good because he drew it up. He works with the kids constantly on it, he talks to them. I can't say enough good things about Doug. He's the backbone of our offense and that's the backbone of our club."

However, the Warriors keep getting hit with injuries that shorten the bench. Prior to the game with Belleville West, a gym class injury sidelined assistant captain David Svezia.

"He twisted his ankle in gym playing volleyball," Solberger said. "They think it's a minor sprain. The doctor said he would have to stay out of it for three days. Billy Ficker was out, we expect him to be back at any time. Jared Brown is still bothered by his back. Bobby Meszaros still has a dinged shoulder. But the kids are sucking it up and we're playing."

"The third line tonight — Matt Salzman, Tim Knowlton and Raymond Smith — stepped up and did their job. They weren't on the ice for any goals and that's their job, to keep us from losing ground while they are out there. They did an excellent job while they were out there fulfilling their assignments. I was just tickled to death with the way they played."

For the second week in a row, freshman Luke Forrester played on a forward line with Meszaros and Wesley, shaking the cobwebs off

his debut season and burning a gasoline trail toward the offense zone.

"Earlier in the year, we were trying to see what works and what clicks and we didn't have any set lines, we were moving kids in and out," Solberger said. "We saw that Dustin, Luke and Bobby play real well together. That's probably the fastest line in the league. Those kids can fly and they all see the ice really well."

"Luke is doing a great job. He's so fast, he doesn't even know how fast he is. Luke will hit anything out there, he plays big. We put that line together in the Roxana game and they've meshed and played really well together."

"Tonight, with David being out, we put Jared (Brown) between Eric (Wright) and Brett (Solberger) on the second line. So that was three great big guys and they made some hits and opened up the ice real well for the smaller line coming out behind them."

The Warriors face Belleville West 7:45 p.m. Monday night at the U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Fairview Heights.

"They are a pretty solid team," Solberger said. "I think if we can come out and entice them into playing our game, I think we will be all right. Belleville West is a very disciplined team, but we sucked them into playing our game."

"We made them play our style and they couldn't stand up to that. I think if we can get Belleville East in the same trap and do some things offensively in their zone that confuses them, we'll be all right."

Prep bowling results

Southern Illinois High School Bowling Conference

Standings Week 2

Boys Division A

Team	Won	Lost	Avg	Pins
Freeburg	2	0	775	11,039
Westlin	2	1	735	11,039
Lebanon	1	1	752	11,255
Collinsville	0	3	749	9,976
Marissa	0	3	661	9,718

Team	Won	Lost	Avg	Pins
Belleville East	3	0	771	9,254
Belleville West	2	0	796	11,048
Collinsville	2	1	775	9,300
Edwardsville	0	3	763	9,157
Granite City	0	3	749	11,246
Alton	0	3	719	8,634

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Gibault	0	0	689	10,328
O'Fallon	2	0	669	10,328
Mascoutah	0	0	669	10,328
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High Average

Mike Loehring, Belleville East ...

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Division B

Team	Won	Lost	Avg	Pins
Granite City	3	0	615	8,237
Belleville West	3	1	613	8,202
Belleville East	2	0	682	8,187
Collinsville	2	2	576	9,016
Alton	0	3	544	6,537
Edwardsville	0	3	493	5,925

Team	Won	Lost	Avg	Pins
O'Fallon	2	0	677	10,012
East	2	1	596	8,967
Alton	1	2	541	8,115
Alton	0	0	600	7,206
Gibault	0	3	465	5,582

Team	Won	Lost	Avg	Pins
Plaza SW	2	0	568	6,634
Mascoutah	2	1	470	4,864
Stanton	0	1	518	7,770
Metro-East	0	0	487	5,484

High Average

Mike Loehring, Belleville East ...

Division C

Team	Won	Lost	Avg	Pins
O'Fallon	2	0	677	10,012
East	2	1	596	8,967
Alton	1	2	541	8,115
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High Average

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Division D

Team	Won	Lost	Avg	Pins
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Division E

Team	Won	Lost	Avg	Pins
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Meszaros provides scoring, leadership for Warriors

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that reason. He's dangerous, so they'll converge on him, but he can also dish the puck off at the last second and set a guy up on the doorstep."

Meszaros was the obvious choice to wear the "C" this season.

"Bobby is more of a quiet leader, he leads by example a lot," Solberger said. "I think the kids on the team really respect his ability and his gamesmanship. Bobby is not very vocal, he's not a rah-rah kind of guy. He just goes out and he says, 'Look guys, there are some kids on this team that can play like I can,' and he brings them up. He tries to get the kids on our team to come up to his level."

"He's a very coachable kid and he doesn't get a big head."

After a night like (the Roxana game) where he scores six goals, he'll come back and work just as hard as anybody in practice. That's why he's wearing the 'C' on the team."

"I feel I have to lead by example," Meszaros said. "Every shift when I go out there, I have to skate hard. I can't let up at all. In the locker room everybody looks up to me."

"Last year, I was the leading scorer on the team and in the Southern Division, so this year everybody pretty much knew that I was going to be the captain. It's a lot of responsibility to know that I'm going to have to live up to being captain. Coach has put a lot of pressure on me to keep everybody in line before games, try to keep everybody focused, to make sure they are thinking about games and not

jamming around."

The Warriors are a young team, so Meszaros' leadership is crucial not only to this year but to the future of the program.

"(Freshman) Luke Forrester is on my line, so whenever we come off the ice and he has done something wrong I'll just tell him where he was supposed to be," Meszaros said. "He's a pretty good listener and the next shift we'll go out there and he will do it right, and it usually ends up in a goal."

It's obvious hockey comes naturally to Meszaros.

"I've seen a lot of teams shadow him and he's a very determined player," Solberger said. "He'll skate through the sticks and the checks and he'll hustle and get the puck. The big thing is that he will break wide open and get somebody the puck, he will make something happen. That is very, very important for him to be the leader on the team. He's extremely strong on his skates and he can move. He's played Triple-A hockey and that's a tough league. Those guys really bang him."

"A lot of times I have to control my temper, because I am the captain," Meszaros said. "But I think it's kind of challenging, because every game everybody knows who to look for. Their coach is telling them before the game, 'When Meszaros gets the puck, don't let him do anything, and every game I go out there and do it, even though they are targeting me. I love it actually. I have equipment on. I'm not going to get hurt.'"

Having tasted the MVCHA championship once, Meszaros is determined to lead his team back to the title.



One of the most dangerous sights for the Illinois Warriors' opponents in the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association is Bobby Meszaros firing a shot on goal.

is determined to lead his team back to the title.

"I think everybody just needs to pick up the intensity," Meszaros said. "I think that last year we had a goal, from that one, to win the championship. This year a few games when we weren't doing as well, I think some of the guys felt like we didn't have a goal, because we had already won the championship, there is nothing more to do."

"But this year is a new season and everybody has to understand that we have the same goal as last year."

24 vs. Collinsville (FH)..... L 3-4
28 vs. Cahokia (CA)..... T 2-2

December

2 vs. O'Fallon (GC)..... L 3-6
5 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)..... L 2-4
9 vs. Roxana (GC)..... W 10-0
15 vs. Belleville West (GC)..... W 4-2
21 vs. Belleville East (FH)..... W 7-5
22 vs. Alton (GC)..... W 8-15
27 vs. Althoff (FH)..... W 7-0
30 vs. Edwardsville (GC)..... W 8-15

January

6 vs. Collinsville (GC)..... W 8-15
9 vs. Alton (EA)..... W 5-30
13 vs. Cahokia (GC)..... W 8-15
20 vs. Civic Memorial (GC)..... W 8-15
24 vs. Roxana (EA)..... W 5-45
27 vs. Belleville East (GC)..... W 8-15
30 vs. Belleville West (FH)..... W 4-15

February

3 vs. Althoff (FH)..... W 8-15
13 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)..... W 5-30

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS
Overall record (4-3-1)

November
18 vs. Alton Marquette (GC)..... W 5-4
19 vs. Edwardsville (EA)..... W 4-3

EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS
Overall record (5-2)

November

19 vs. Granite City (EA)..... L 3-4
22 vs. O'Fallon (FH)..... W 10-0
24 vs. Belleville West (FH)..... W 3-2
29 vs. Alton (EA)..... L 1-4

December

6 vs. Roxana (FH)..... W 3-2
12 vs. Collinsville (EA)..... W 2-2
13 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)..... W 3-1
15 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)..... W 7-15
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January

1 vs. Roxana (EA)..... W 5-45
3 vs. O'Fallon (EA)..... W 5-45
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19 vs. Collinsville (FH)..... W 8-15
23 vs. Edwardsville (CA)..... W 5-15
28 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)..... W 7-15
30 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)..... W 2-30

February

7 vs. Belleville East (FH)..... W 7-30
13 vs. Althoff (EA)..... W 4-15

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Sports

Granite City pins conference loss on West

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Jake Trtanj won for the Warriors at 112 pounds.

After Belleville West put 10 points on the board with two victories, Granite City 130-pounder Ben Lofink pinned Sam Gotteril to give the Warriors a 15-10 lead.

Mike Siamatoni got the Maroons back in business at 135, outpunning Dennis David 14-3. West's Derek Stoll made short work of Jim Treake at 140, winning by fall at 1:34. Those wins gave Belleville West a 20-14 lead.

Ryan Worthen won for the Warriors at 145 and Brooks Narvaez won by forfeit at 152 pounds.

For the 11th match in a row, George Kirgan got the first takedown en route to pinning the spirited Steven Defoe at 2:30. The match marked the first time Kirgan wrestled at 160.

Justin Hale won by decision at 171 for the Warriors and Belleville West's Jared Dachsteiner defeated Granite City's Bob Grammer by fall at 189.

Granite City's Kevin Venne pinned Jim Fulton with five seconds remaining in the second period.

Belleville West's Shawn Schmerbach won the heavyweight match with George Mooshegan.

The three pins Belleville West handed the Warriors were not appreciated by Granite City coach Mike Garland.

"I think we stunk up the gym," he said. "I thought Belleville West came to wrestle us."

For some reason, some of the kids responded, but three kids getting pinned, that absolutely has to stop. I told my kids it doesn't matter how old you are, it doesn't matter what grade you are in, the only way you can get pinned in this sport is to stop moving and just flat give up. There are maybe two moves in wrestling that you can't get out of.

"It makes a big difference. That's nine extra points that Belleville got." The Maroons, coached by Mike's brother Steve Garland, were pleased with their performance despite the loss.

"Granite is the best team in this area," Steve Garland said. "We just tried to get close and get within 15 of them and that would be a good accomplishment, and we were able to do that tonight. Who knows? Maybe another break here or there and we're right in there with them."

"I thought we wrestled well. I was pleased with most of the wrestlers and I look for the kids to be aggressive, and they were that tonight. They went out there, tried some moves

and didn't back down. I'm pleased with that."

"I thought Belleville wrestled great," Mike Garland said. "They have a good team, they have a young team, they are going to be something to reckon with down the road. We have to prepare and we have to put it behind us."

"It's good that we can wrestle like that and still win like we did, but our season doesn't revolve around this. It revolves around the state tournament, that's what your key is. I look up there and I see how some of the kids are wrestling and I compare that to the state tournament and it doesn't look very good."

"When you are dealing with sports, especially sports with high school kids, you are going to have good days and bad days. I'm not disappointed in my kids, I'm disappointed for my kids because I know they can do better."

"I thought Peach wrestled well. I thought Lofink wrestled tremendous, that was a big match. Ryan Worthen got a big pin. George wrestled tough. Kevin Venne cranked it up and did pretty well. Justin Hale did a good job."

"If one guy doesn't do the job, it's good to have guys in the lineup that can step up and pick up his slack."

The Garlands downplayed

the meeting between themselves and focused on the teams.

"We've been doing this for years and we're competitive, whether it be a video game or whistle ball in the backyard when we were little growing up," Steve said. "I look at effort from the kids, not so much a one-on-one battle with him. I just want my kids to work hard and improve and get better. If you try hard winning will take care of itself."

Granite City 42, Belleville West 29

(Dec. 17)
103 pounds — Steve Peach (GC) def. Greg Strick (BW), by fall.
112 — Jake Trtanj (GC) def. Dan Muskepl (BW), 7-1.
118 — Joe Rajawitz (BW) def. Tom Tedesco (GC), by fall.
125 — Dusty Carpenter (BW) def. Paul Johnson (GC), 13-3.
130 — Ben Lofink (GC) def. Sam Gotteril (BW), by fall, 40.
135 — Mike Siamatoni (BW) def. Dennis Davis (GC), 14-3.
140 — Derek Stoll (BW) def. Jim Treake (GC) by fall, 1:34.
145 — Ryan Worthen (GC) def. Steven Davoe (BW), by fall, 4:29.
152 — Brooks Narvaez (GC) won by forfeit.
160 — George Kirgan (GC) def. Corey Ford (BW), by fall, 2:50.
171 — Justin Hale (GC) def. Kevin Sangelilo (BW), 5-1.
189 — Jared Dachsteiner (BW) def. Bob Grammer (GC), by fall, 2:37.
215 — Kevin Venne (GC) def. Jim Fulton (BW), by fall, 3:55.
275 — Shawn Schmerbach (BW) def. Craig Mooshegan (GC), 11-4.

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Game 1 — Belleville East vs. Jacksonville, 9 a.m.
Game 2 — Decatur MacArthur vs. St. Louis University High, 10:30 a.m.
Game 3 — Granite City vs. Chatham Glenwood, 1 p.m.
Game 4 — Quincy vs. Triad, 2:30 p.m.
Game 5 — O'Fallon vs. Springfield Sacred-Heart Griffin, 4 p.m.
Game 6 — East St. Louis vs. Madison, 7 p.m.
Game 7 — Collinsville vs. Decatur Eisenhower, 8:30 p.m.
Game 8 — Waterloo vs. Dixon, 10 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 29

Second Round

Game 9 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 9 a.m.
Game 10 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 10:30 a.m.

Game 11 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 1 p.m.
Game 12 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 2:30 p.m.
Game 13 — Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 4 p.m.
Game 14 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 7 p.m.
Game 15 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 8:30 p.m.
Game 16 — Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 10 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 30

Consolation semifinals
Game 17 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 9 a.m.
Game 18 — Game 13 winner vs. Game 16 winner, 10:30 a.m.

Semifinals
Game 19 — Game 11 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 1 p.m.
Game 20 — Game 14 winner vs. Game 15 winner, 2:30 p.m.
Consolation championship
Game 21 — Game 17 winner vs. Game 18 winner, 4 p.m.

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The latest "Godzilla" blockbuster from TriStar Pictures played on the (mostly) previously unthought-of fear of having one's brand-new car crushed to atoms by giant fake lizard feet.



Getting halfway through a long journey and suddenly remembering that one accidentally left the torch burning in the castle before one left seems to be the fear expressed by young Kayley and her animal friends in this production still from the Warner Bros. movie, "Quest for Camelot." (It probably isn't, but we all get that same expression every now and then.)



Nightmare on Film Street

Even when it isn't the witching season (which it is), the movies are a great place to go for a good scare. This year, there was something frightening for everyone. Giant killer lizards. Giant killer rocks from outer space. Crazy killers stalking students ("Urban Legend") and even their teachers ("Halloween: H20").

Even movies that weren't intended to be scary at all had moments that played on our most basic fears — such as heights (or falling) and death. For people who like to worry too much, this year's films probably raised some ominous possibilities yet undreamed of that would keep a therapist busy for years — the chance that one's pets would gain the power of speech, for example, and waste it on crude jokes ("Dr. Doolittle"), or that one's toys would come to life and wreak destruction on the neighborhood ("Small Soldiers," "Bride of Chuckie").

Keeping that in mind, we'd like to present a gallery of some modern-day phobias, as presented by some recent movies. Whether you're scared of only the big things (failure, embarrassment, total annihilation) or you're pretty much afraid of everything (bunnies, city government, being trapped in an expensive Chrysler with a toddler who wants to sit through a horrible high-budgeted cartoon musical with songs that would make Barry Manilow cry and you're out of Maalox), there is something here for you. So hang on to your hats, ladies and gentlemen, and keep telling yourself ... "It's only a movie ... it's only a movie ..."



Discovering that the costume shop sent you the Jamie Lee Curtis mask by mistake (left, really a scary scene from Dimension Films' "Halloween: H20") is humiliating when you're late for that big Halloween party. It's almost as bad as learning that your new tennis shoes won't stick to the surfaces of most 195-foot-drop cliffs (above, really from Touchstone Pictures' "Six Days, Seven Nights").



Around race tracks, the word "bulletproof" describes a mechanical component so sturdy you just can't break it. Now BMW is introducing cars it calls "bullet-resistant" because they actually will resist bullets.

In March, BMW will begin offering three models of cars fitted with "light armored security" features that will keep "small-arms fire" from entering passenger compartments. Special glass and body armor will be fitted into the cars, as large as a .44-caliber Magnum, the company says.

Armor will be available on BMW's 740i, 750i and 540i models. The special features will be installed at BMW factories and add 260 pounds to each car's

A Mitsubishi Galant bumper beam was the grand-prize winner in an annual awards competition held by the automotive division of the Society of Plastics Engineers. The plastic beam is cheaper and 45 percent lighter than a steel beam would have been and still enables the car to meet bumper-impact requirements. The environmental award went to two companies that produce new front bumper fascia for Ford cars, using scrap plastics recovered from salvage yards.

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The new boss, who has been with the company for 10 years, is chairman of the 100,000-member Chrysler Corp. Chairman Robert Eaton is excited about his company's merger with Daimler-Benz to form the new "DaimlerChrysler" company. Benz is to receive 10 percent of the new company's \$3.7 million "performance bonus" from the new company for completing the deal.

And Daimler-Benz has announced its annual "10 Best Cars" and the honorees are the BMW 328i/M3, BMW 5-Series, BMW M Coupe/Rowder, Lotus Chevrolet Corvette, Chevrolet Camaro, Lotus Lotus GS300/GS400, Mazda MX-5 Miata and Porsche Boxster.

In individual performance measured this year came from the Dodge Viper GTS, which blasted from zero to 60 mph in 3.9 seconds. The worst acceleration came from the Kia Sportage, which required 12.9 seconds to reach 60 mph.

attain the 50-mph local limit. The Ferrari F355 F1. Slowest top end came from a Nissan Frontier — 91 mph. The quietest interior sound level measured at 70 mph was the 64 decibels detected inside an Audi A4 Quattro. The noisiest interior sound measured at 84 decibels reverberating within a Jeep Wrangler Sport.

In fuel economy measurements, Car and Driver noted the Volkswagen Beetle earned the highest U.S. EPA rating for city mileage at 33 miles per gallon. At the far end of the scale was that exciting Ferrari F355 F1, which delivered 10 mpg.

By Tom Strongman

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softer, less-massive look. Even though these styling changes are less than earth shattering, they create a bright-eyed, less-intimidating presence.

Bigger news is the increase in both horsepower and torque for the Triton family of overhead-camshaft V-8 engines, a necessary change given the gutty power found in the new truck engines from General Motors. The 4.6 has had its horsepower bumped from 215 to 240, while torque is only margin-

The 5.4-liter, on the other hand, goes from 230 horsepower to 260, while torque is up from 325 pound-feet to 345.

those in a passenger car and rev easily. Their only shortcoming seemed to be a lack of low-end torque and pulling power. Torque is important because it is the force that actually moves the vehicle, and greater torque not only aids in towing, but in giving the vehicle a livelier step when leaving a stop.

The increase in both power and torque for the 5.4 will be especially welcome for those who haul more than four people or tow heavy trailers. Towing capacity is 8,300 pounds.

Ford says all Expeditions will meet LEV, or low-emission-vehicle standards, which makes them cleaner than many passenger cars.

To sample the more powerful 5.4-liter engine, Ford sent me a two-wheel-drive Eddie Bauer edition. It was positively lively in city driving. It scooted away from stop signs eagerly and merged with freeway traffic without the slightest wheeze. Even though it is a two-wheel-drive, it

In an industry first, Ford offers power adjustable pedals (\$120) that move up to 3

adjustable pedals (\$120) that move up to 6 inches. A dash-mounted switch activates a small electric motor, which in turn moves the pedals. That means short folks don't have to sit uncomfortably close to the

steering wheel just so their feet can reach the pedals. This is a great idea, and one that is likely to find wider use in other vehicles because sitting too close to the wheel can be dangerous in case of an air bag detonation.

Smoothness may be an overworked phrase, but it is one of the best descriptions of the Expedition. Not only does it accelerate with little or no vibration, but it rides with as much comfort as many luxury sedans. The two-wheel-drive model has even less harshness than the four-wheel-

With three rows of seats, an Expedition can carry nine people, though seven is the more practical limit for any distance. The third seat has roller wheels to facilitate its removal, which is required if you want to haul very much cargo. It would be handier if the third seat folded into the floor like the Dodge Durango.

The Eddie Bauer edition has a couple of nifty features. Outside rear view mirrors have signals built into them so that vehicles driving alongside know when a turn or lane change is coming. The six-disc CD player mounted in the center console armrest is standard. Front doors have a keypad for keyless entry.

The base price of our test vehicle was \$35,105. Options included power pedals, 5.4 liter engine and trailer towing package. The sticker price was \$37,410. The basic warranty is for three years or

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